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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 8, 2003. The time for Response was set to expire on February 8, 2003, and with the acceptance of the accompanying petition and fee, the time for response will be extended to March 10, 2003, because March 8, 2003, falls on a Saturday. Therefore, this Response is timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$110.00 extension of time fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. No additional fee is believed to be due for this filing. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for this filing to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. For the purpose of charging said Deposit Account, duplicates of page 1 and the signature page of this Response are submitted herewith.

## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Please cancel claims 1-21 without prejudice to applicant's ability to pursue such claims in a timely filed continuation application.